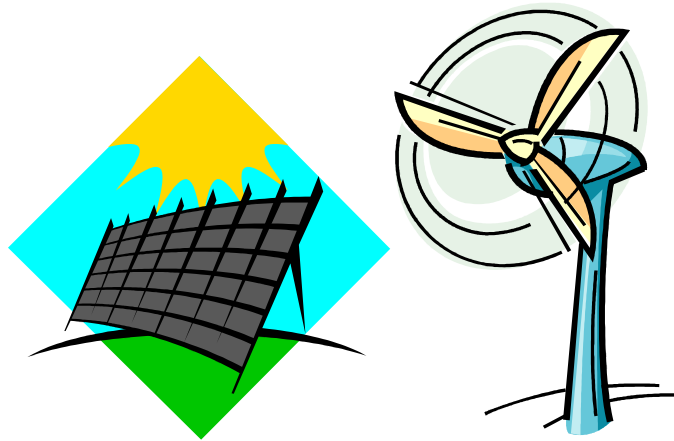


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Division of Energy Resources

Alternative Energy Property Program

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PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY NOTICE

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The 2007 round of the The Alternative Energy Property Program (AEPP) will provide funding to cities, towns, regional schools, water, and waste water districts to repair non-functioning and under-performing renewable energy systems, when deemed to be a good investment. (For purposes of this announcement the term 'Renewable Energy System' is defined as a wind turbine, photovoltaic system, hydro, wood/biomass, or a solar hot water installation). Eligible applicants are invited to apply by obtaining an application package from the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources (DOER). A maximum of \$175,000 is available for design and installation.

Eligible Sites

A building or site upon which a renewable energy facility is located must be owned and operated by an eligible entity as identified above. There must be no plan to close or dispose of the site within the next ten years. In addition, some installations may be deemed ineligible because they are still within their warranty period, they do not meet the definition of renewable, the cost of repairs is greater than 50% of the cost of replacement, or the repaired system's output will remain below 75% of its rated capacity. Applications to add to the rated capacity to an existing system will not be considered.

The Application Package

In order to be considered for an AEPP grant the applicant must complete all forms contained in the DOER application package. This package is available from DOER at the address listed at the end of this announcement. The package contains the program application as well as an assessment form to gather information such as: current energy output, rated capacity, make, model, type, age and condition of existing equipment, and a repair cost estimate as well as an estimate for complete replacement. Costs must be provided by the system's manufacturer or a person trained to determine the cost of repairs and replacement. This cost will be the basis for the actual grant award. NOTE: Application preparation costs are not reimbursable through this grant.

Upon receipt of an application, the Division of Energy Resources will review and rank it in accordance with a ranking criterion to be made available to the general public. Scoring will be based on the cost-effectiveness of the proposal, repair cost, energy output, as well as the applicant's ability to maintain the equipment once repaired.

Eligible Projects

Eligible projects must have an expected life of at least ten years, have a qualified individual designated to oversee the repair of the system and report to DOER on the actual energy output for 2 years after the completion of the repair. Eligible projects shall use one or more of the following renewable technologies:

- Solar thermal hot water systems
- Solar photovoltaic
- Wind turbines
- Hydro
- Wood/biomass space heating

Funding Availability for Projects

Up to \$175,000 of total grant funding will be available. AEPP provides grant funding for renewable energy projects according to the following guidelines: The grantee is responsible for repaying 30% of the funds granted upon completion of the funded repairs. Grant funding must not supplant other available funding such as utility incentive programs.

The Maximum Grant

The maximum AEPP grant for system repairs per applicant is \$50,000. This maximum may be increased at the discretion of the Commissioner if all available funds are not awarded.

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted until December 15, 2007.

How to Apply**For More Information or an Application Contact:**

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